Generally speaking, the best way to praise me is to do all things that inspire the nation, the youth, the army, with heroic sentiments.

£4th. (To Carnot.) The army of Italy is in contact with the Austrian army. The Reserve army must not lose a single hour. Therefore pray order General Ber-thier to move the army as rapidly as possible to Geneva. I have nothing new by the semaphore from Bale to-day. Repeat the order to General Moreau to attack the enemy.

£5th. (To General Berthier.) Everything is going smoothly here, and the instant you think my presence necessary because of events either on the Rhine or in Italy, I can start one hour after receiving your letter. I regret to see that residing in Dijon makes you melancholy. Cheer up!

£7th. (To General Berthier.) My plan is no longer to cross the St. Gothard; I think that move possible and within the bounds of prudence only if General Moreau should win some success over the enemy. Besides, Milan may not be our objective after all, for we may have to hasten to Tortona to relieve Mass£na, who, if lie has been defeated, has doubtless shut himself up in Genoa, where he has food for thirty days. We shall therefore have to cross by the St. Bernard.